

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 4-7, 10-12, 15-17 and 21-29 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 6 and 12 are amended, and Claims 21-29 are new, support for which is found in the specification at least from page 6, line 23 to page 8, line 10. No new matter is added.

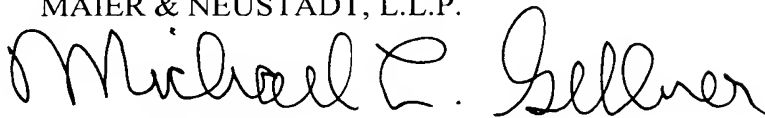
The outstanding Office Action rejected Claims 1, 4-7, 10-12 and 15-17 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Cocca (U.S. 5,315,342) in view of Tomatsuri (U.S. 4,367,028), Greenwald (U.S. 4,302,084) and Fellegara (U.S. 5,845,166). Claims 2, 8 and 13 were indicated as allowable.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter in Claims 2, 8 and 13. To expedite allowance of this application, Claims 1, 6 and 12 are amended to incorporate the subject matter of Claims 2, 8 and 13, respectively. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted the outstanding rejection should be withdrawn.

Consequently, it is respectfully submitted no issues remain pending in this application, and this application is thus in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner disagree, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned to discuss any remaining issues. Otherwise, a timely Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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